

REMARKS

Applicants file this reply in response to the final Office Action dated January 12, 2006.

Claims 63, 66-68, 69-70, 74-76, 77, 79-81, 82, and 84-86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on Knudson et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0204388 (hereinafter "Knudson"). The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

Knudson discloses, among other things, a program guide that allows users to set reminders for series of programs. Users may schedule reminders by, for example, selecting an episode of a program from a program listing grid (see, e.g., Knudson, ¶¶ 57-67). Knudson also discloses that the program guide may automatically set reminders for new or updated episodes of a series when information in the program guide database "has changed or has been updated or if any new information has been added" (Knudson, ¶ 67). See also Knudson ¶ 74 cited by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action.

Although non-frame programs are implicated by the disclosure of Knudson, applicants' invention as recited in amended independent claims 63, 69, 77, and 82 patentably improves upon FIG. 10 of Knudson because applicants' approach displays one or more titles for unscheduled non-frame programs and "display[s] information with the at least one program title, wherein the information informs the user" of the fact that the

unscheduled program is non-frame. For example, FIG. 2 of applicants' specification shows three titles: "Blair Witch Project," "Now and Again," and the new season of "ER." Each of these programs are unscheduled, non-frame programs. There is no specific schedule information for these programs in the program listings times frame stored by the user's guide. The guide, however, informs the user that the programs will be available at some currently unscheduled time slot in the future by indicating, for example, "Coming to PPV," "New This Fall," "The New Season." This is very different from FIG. 10 of Knudson where all of the program titles are shown together with episode or series schedule information (or shown only with titles and no schedule information when reminders have no current episodes).

In view of the foregoing, applicants also submit that amended independent claims 63, 69, 77, and 82 are allowable. Dependent claims 66-68, 70, 74-76, 79-81, and 84-86 depend upon one of allowable independent claims 63, 69, 77, and 82, and are, therefore, also allowable.

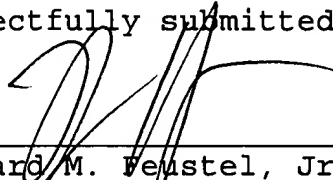
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With respect to claims 65 and 73 rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), such claims depend upon one of allowable independent claims 63, 69, 77, and 82. Therefore, claims 65 and 73 are also allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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